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E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS IR KU

SUBJ: FMS: VISIT OF LTV CHAIRMAN PAUL THAYER

1. LTV CHAIRMAN PAUL THAYER PLANS VISIT TEHRAN 29-30 SEPTEMBER AND KUWAIT 1-2 OCTOBER. HE WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING AMBASSADORS HELMS AND STOLTZFUS AND SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES AT BOTH POSTS.

2. WE ARE TOLD BY LTV THAYER "ALREADY HAS" APPOINTMENTS--APPARENTLY MADE BY LTV LOCAL AGENTS--WITH GENERAL KHATAMI IN TEHRAN AND SHAYKH SAAD IN KUWAIT. UNLESS EMBASSY TEHRAN PERCEIVES OBJECTION, WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THAYER SEEING KHATAMI AT THIS TIME.

3. IN KUWAIT, HOWEVER, OUR MANY DEFENSE SUPPLY OFFERS REMAIN UNDECIDED UPON BY GOK. COMPETITIVE SITUATION
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BETWEEN VARIOUS AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIDDERS IS VERY

SENSITIVE, AND BOTH STATE AND DOD HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS
WITH RESPECT TO THAYER SEEING SAAD AT THIS CRITICAL
TIME UNLESS RPT UNLESS SAAD REALLY WANTS TO SEE HIM.
WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN TO LTV INDICATING THAYER
APPROACH TO GOK MIGHT NOW APPEAR TO KUWAITIS AS UNWELCOME
PRESSURE AT CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN THEIR DEFENSE PROCURE-
MENT DELIBERATIONS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY KUWAIT MAY
WISH MAKE, AND EXPECT AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS WILL WISH
DISCUSS MATTER OF SAAD APPOINTMENT CAREFULLY WITH THAYER
WHEN HE ARRIVES.

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